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THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION**UTM Activity and Political Indoctrination**

- 50X1 1. [redacted] there was no energetic recruiting drive by the
 50X1 Union of Working Youth (Uniunea Tineretului Muncitor - UTM) at
 50X1 either the Ministry of Internal Affairs OCS No. 2, in Oradea, or
 50X1 at the Intermediate Technical Metalworking Trade School he atten-
 50X1 ded in Iasi; [redacted] membership was not necessary to
 50X1 enter a school or to obtain a job. [redacted]
 50X1 [redacted] a person derived no benefits by joining.
 50X1 [redacted]
 50X1 [redacted] there was a general apathy
 50X1 on the part of the participants and an unnecessary concern with
 50X1 unimportant detail.
- 50X1 2. [redacted] 100 students out of the total of 800 at the
 50X1 technical school were UTM members and that about 50 to 60 percent
 50X1 of the students at OCS No. 2 belonged to the UTM. [redacted]
 50X1 the UTM organization at the OCS was not a very active organi-
 50X1 zation although meetings were scheduled there about three or four
 50X1 times each month. [redacted] near Vrani (N 45-02,
 50X1 E 21-30) [redacted] the 9th Frontier Com-
 50X1 pany, about 50 percent of the 68 officers and men stationed there
 50X1 were UTM members.

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3. The political officer of the 9th Frontier Company conducted six hours of political lectures a week for the privates while the officers were required to attend political lectures at the battalion headquarters for eight hours each month. While attending the OCS school, no special political indoctrination lectures were given to the students by the political officer.
- 50X1 4. Even after the Soviet reconciliation with Tito, political lectures
50X1 at Rumanian border guard posts continued to underline the need
50X1 of being ever watchful of Yugoslavia, stressing that Tito could
50X1 not be trusted fully. [redacted] most of the men in
50X1 his company at Vrani doubted the sincerity of Tito's gestures of
50X1 friendship, if they gave the matter any thought at all; [redacted]
50X1 [redacted] border guard pri-
50X1 vates [redacted]
50X1 [redacted] came from rural families and had no more than three or
50X1 four years of schooling. [redacted] political matters
50X1 were of little concern to these troops; their morale was low be-
50X1 cause of the poor food they received and the arduous duty they
50X1 performed, patrolling the border areas in all types of weather.
- 50X1 5. All officers and NCOs at [redacted] border posts were required to
50X1 subscribe to the following newspapers and periodicals:
- a. Scanteia - the Party organ
 - b. Scanteia Tineretului - a daily issued by the UTM
 - c. Contemporanul - a weekly publication of the Writers' Union
of the Rumanian People's Republic
 - d. Apararea Patriei - a daily of the Ministry of Internal Affairs
 - e. Revista Militara - a monthly of the Ministry of the Armed Forces;
subscribed to only by officers
 - f. Revista Sergentilor - a monthly of the Ministry of the Armed
Forces for NCOs
6. The cost of the above publications was automatically deducted from the salaries of the officers and NCOs. Aside from those mentioned above, no other armed forces publications were on the subscription list or available in the company's reading room. Occasionally, Soviet newspapers were available in the company's make-shift library, but few of the soldiers could read Russian. Because Rumanian newspapers were delivered in batches once a month, they were rarely read thoroughly or regularly.
- 50X1 7. Books, regularly received by the company at Vrani, were distributed
50X1 to the officers by the company's political officer and each officer
50X1 was obligated to pay for the books whether he wanted them or not.
50X1 [redacted] Listed
50X1 below are some of the books [redacted]
- a. An American Tragedy - US
 - b. At Border Point 203 - Rumanian

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- c. The Road Companion - Soviet
- d. The Spider - Soviet and anti-American
- e. Memoirs of a Partisan - Soviet

8. In addition to books and newspapers, border guard posts offered nothing in the way of organized cultural activities. [redacted] at Vrani, [redacted] only one movie; this movie consisted of an instructional film and a newsreel. At OCS No. 2, attendance at weekly film showings was obligatory; these films were either films on border guard duties or propaganda documentaries on themes such as Lenin's role in the October Revolution. Other than organizing and directing a drama group, the cultural officer at OCS No. 2 did not actively implement any type of cultural program. The UTM was also negligent in this respect.

Minorities

9. About 15 percent of the students at OCS No. 2 were of Hungarian origin. [redacted] not aware of any official discrimination against these Hungarians in either job placement or in other respects. While the Hungarians and Rumanians in the Oradea area were not particularly friendly to each other, [redacted] never [redacted] any incidents arising from friction between these two groups. [redacted]

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